

Tidings

The Newsletter of Woodside Road United Methodist Church
"We Seek God, Welcome All, Love and Serve our Neighbors"

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Warren's Wonderings...

It is the beginning of June and of course I find myself thinking, wondering about our moments that we have shared together. It has been a wonderful journey with all of you. Our journey did not start in the usual manner of appointments... July 1 on. It started with the passing of Pastor Candace, one so appreciated by all of you. I was privileged to be appointed in January of 2007. Together we shared in the grief of a lost leader. We celebrated the heart that she brought to all of you. We celebrated the reawakening of your love for each other.

In June of 2007 I was reappointed as your pastor. Together we joined in continuing to unlock the feelings of the past and the talents that you could use in once more providing ministry to this community. And my, what talents are among you. I was amazed at how you cared for the church property. It wasn't just a source of worship or of income, it was a place of ministry that under Joe's leadership and that of the Trustees, we were able to provide families with a place of celebration: weddings, quicierras, anniversaries, worship experience. Through our education commission Jane, Cathy, Cindee, and others provided quality moments of the living Jesus.

As we moved through the grief we began to look at how we could indeed join in the United aspect of our Methodist Church in ministry a kind of transforming ministry. Almost at once we began to share fully with our apportionments helping the Church at large experience our prayers and financial support to carry on the ministries of the Annual Conference and the world. Through our trauma recovery program we helped provide healing to those impacted by the San Bruno fires, support to veterans attending Canada College, and the survivors of the Woodside Road Apartment house fires. We continued to support Second Harvest Food Bank and Salvation Army.

We have prayed together, we have worshiped together in traditional and non-traditional ways through music and Second Sunday dramas, and we have served together in community funding events: the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center Anti Bullying Program and the Early Childhood Education program of the Redwood City Library. Our youth have led the way in helping us to support the Heifer Project.

While some of our saints were transitioning on to the next chapter of Eternity, we actively engaged in strategic planning to provide for worship, spiritual growth, and outreach. Who will ever forget the wonderment of "Galilee By the Sea" led by our Elaine, the picture-taking in the Manger scenes at Home Town Holidays, and most recently the hosted conference of "Aging: What's New" led by Anne and our Ad Hoc Committee. We have provided unique spiritual moments through the avenues opened by our community. I am so proud to be journeying with you.

And now, like Jesus sort of said in John 14: 15, "We have asked the Holy One to send you another comforter to be with you..." to join in ministry with you and to discover the blessings that all of you offer. We await the presence of a new partner in ministry...

Blessings,
Pastor Warren

Thoburn Circle



Members: Alice Allen, Bev Barr, Evelyn Berk, Carole Clarke, Barbara Fleenor, Betty Kibbe, Helen Lomas, Jean Massing, Helen Marin, Mary Nelson, Elizabeth Prasad and Doris Rotella.

Absent: Geneva Anderson, Doris Bogart, Mary Marchini, Jeannie di Santo, Irene Zinkel.

Guest: Cassie Allen.

Thoburn Circle members met in Watters Hall at 1 pm on May 4, 2015. Elizabeth Prasad and Doris Rotella were hostesses and served cake and fruit. Beautiful long stem red roses were given to the ladies in honor of Mother's Day.

We all were saddened by the passing of our long time member, Doris Malone. The family has invited the church members to come to Doris's home following the church service on May 24th for a gathering of remembrances.

Barbara and Carla Sillin will be contacting circle members who wish to attend our next luncheon meeting on June 1st at 1pm at the Spaghetti Factory in Redwood City. Some may want to car pool from the church. Evelyn passed cards around for member's birthdays and or illnesses. She will take a plant to the Malone Family.

"Women of Welcome Program" was presented by Helen Lomas. Devotions were read from the scripture Luke 1:39-45. Programs for teens, child support for families in need, literacy and adoption services were the subjects for discussion.

The members packed 20 personal care bags for Bev to take to the Service League of San Mateo. Supplies are always needed or money for Bev to purchase the those that are needed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.
Helen Lomas



Triple S met at Harry's Hofbrau on June 2, with 9 women in attendance. We shared updates on what we are all doing, talked about "Aging, What's New?" and reflected on the question "What do you think you should start/stop doing and why?" Our next meeting is Sept 1, at Harry's Hofbrau.

Our motto is: Sharing, Support, Sisterhood in Christ and that is how we became Triple S in the 80's. All of us worked, some had small children, teenagers, or grown children. We felt the need to connect and support each other as we journeyed on in life and this wonderful group was formed.

Triple S is a group of 24 women, of various ages and stages in life continuing to share and support one another. We welcome anyone who would like to attend. If you have any questions contact: Carla Sillin, phone 650-799-1651 or csillin@aol.com.



Spiffing up the Building and Work Day, June 6

WORK DAY will be June 6 - come and help if you can! There are always small and bigger jobs.

Our Trustees and volunteers are working on various projects to make our facility more attractive and safe. They are in the process of cleaning chairs, tables, walls and windows, mounting better signs, repairing trip hazards on the stairs, and painting the pastor's office. They are also planning to have new carpet installed in room 7 and to restripe the parking lots.



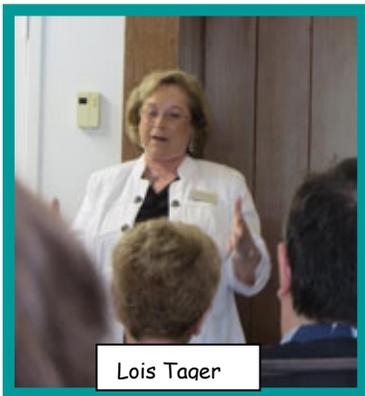
AGING: WHAT'S NEW? Was a Hit!

Report by Jane Day



Ruth Gay & Dr. Morhauser

We warmly thank Anne and Georgi for inviting the speakers and Janice McOmber for providing an array of good and healthy snacks. Janice also took photos; some are here and others will be on our church website, woodsideroadumc.org. We are also grateful to Diana James-Cairns, Director of the Sequoia YMCA, for her colorful design of our poster, to Walter Day for providing mikes, and to Cleve Antoine for helping clean and set up on Friday and Saturday.



Lois Tager

About 50 people were at this conference on Saturday May 30, and we heard many compliments.

The speakers were distinguished and truly excellent. Some said we should repeat the program because they could only attend half the sessions! This event

was presented for the community, because current knowledge about aging is of significant importance to seniors and to anyone who is dealing with issues related to aging.

Anne Hinton welcomed the participants at 9:30, followed by concurrent sessions. "Healthy Aging: Exercise, Diet & Socializing" was presented by Julie Wesolek, Executive Director of the Sequoia YMCA and our own Georgi Laberge, Home Economist and Medalist, World Senior Games. "Alzheimer's, Other Dementia and Maintaining Mental Health" was led by Ruth Gay, Director, Public Policy and Advocacy, Alzheimer's Association and Dr. Edward Morhauser, Psychiatrist. At 11:00 there were two more concurrent sessions: "Last Acts of Kindness" led by Redwing Keyssar, Director, Palliative Care Program, Jewish Family Services of the Bay Area and "What to Do With Your Stuff and Talents", led by Julie Wesolek and Lois Tager, Psychotherapist, Geriatric Care Management & Author.

Anne is the Executive Director of the San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services, and it was she and Georgi who conceived the idea for this conference. She closed the conference with thanks to all the speakers and brief discussion of more options and opportunities.



Julie Wesolek

We also thank everyone who invited friends and helped distribute posters, and our Administrative Council for granting the committee some financial support. This author organized advertising.

We are also grateful to our sponsors for endorsing this event: The Alzheimer's Association, The Daily Journal, Jewish Family & Children's Services of the Bay Area, Redwood City Parks, Recreation & Community Services, San Mateo County Aging & Adult Services, and the Sequoia YMCA. You may find a few handouts on a table in the hallway outside Watters Hall, that were left by sponsors and speakers. More photos can be viewed on our church website, woodsideroadumc.org .



Break



**MEET OUR
2015 GRADUATES**

We are very proud of the graduates related to our church family. Caitlin Rose Ross, granddaughter of Mary and Glenn Nelson and younger daughter of Karen Nelson Ross, graduated Magna Cum Laude on May 15 from the University of Rhode Island. She received a BS in Physics and a BA in Chemistry. Next she will get a Masters Degree and Teaching Credential, and she wants to teach Physics at the college or high school level. Amanda Burgess, granddaughter of Barbara Fleenor, has graduated from Sonoma State University with a BS in Kinesiology and a Minor in Psychology. She will be married in August and hopes to work with handicapped children. Mark Pense, son of Doug and Mary Ellen Pense, will graduate from UC Davis in August with a BA in Physical Anthropology. This summer he will work on a 6 week dig in the Sierras for native American artifacts and hopes to get a job and begin graduate studies soon.



Lute (Kookie) Leaaetoo graduated With Distinction from East Palo Alto Academy on June 2. She will attend Cal State East Bay in Hayward. The graduation was held in Memorial Auditorium at Stanford University. The main speakers were

Principal Sofia Hibbs, Valedictorian Katy Bazan, and Sonia Sanchez, a 2008 alumna. Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond of the Stanford Education Department congratulated the graduates.

Sonia Sanchez won the EPAA annual John and Sylvia Hughes scholarship and went to UC Berkeley, where she earned a double major in Legal Studies and American Studies with focus on Education Policy. She is now on the staff of Fremont High School in

Sunnyvale. Like many EPAA graduates, Sonia is the first in her family to attend college, and was only able to do that because of the Hughes scholarship. She encouraged the new graduates to dream big and work hard.

EPAA is an excellent school, with 80% of its graduates entering college each year. It was established in 2000 by Eddie May Spiller and the Education Department at Stanford. Ms. Spiller was a teacher and education leader in East Palo Alto, and she wanted a high school there again. There had not been one since Ravenswood High was closed in 1975 as part of the Sequoia High School District's integration program. She persuaded Stanford's Education Department to help start and guide the new school, which they continue to do. EPAA's graduation is a great celebration each year!



**Education Sunday
and
All Church BBQ
on June 14!**

This is our annual celebration of graduates and all who have helped with the education program during the past year. For the BBQ after worship, we'll supply hamburgers, veggie burgers, condiments and drinks. Everyone is invited! Our youth will grill the burgers and whatever other meat or veggies you might bring. Please fill out one of the sign-up sheets in bulletins, or leave a message at the church office (650-368-3376). If you can contribute a salad or dessert, or help with setup and cleanup, that would be helpful but **not necessary!**



Children's Fellowship will begin Sunday, June 21. This is an informal group for children from age 4 through those entering grade 5 in the fall. There will be stories, videos, crafts and play time, led by young adults. Our regular Sunday School program will start again in September.



Our UMYF group went to Seacliff Beach in Aptos on May 31, to celebrate the end of the school year and Rachel Petelo's 15th birthday! The weather prediction for the coast had not been good, but it turned out to be warm, sunny and beautiful down there and everyone had a great time. Many thanks to Cleve Antoine, Kilo Leaaetoo, and Martez Duarte who helped drive, and to Liam Dumanske for grilling the burgers. The group will have other outings during the summer, and all youth entering grades 6-12 in the fall are warmly invited to join.



Special Youth Opportunity This Summer

Two of our UMYF'ers, Kookie Leaaetoo and Tina Petelo, will attend "Youth 2015" on June 24-28, in Orlando, Florida. This is a national United Methodist conference for youth that is held every 4 years. The theme this time is 'Go On' - grounded in both scripture and several of John Wesley's sermons. Hebrews 6:1 invites disciples to 'go on toward maturity in faith'. In this spirit, Youth 2015 will inspire and support Christian youth to grow in their faith and commitment to serve others.

The first of these conferences was held in 1988. The speakers, activities, music and mission/service opportunities have always carried a distinctively Wesleyan and United Methodist spirit. This year's conference continues that grand tradition. You can view details of the conference at youth2015.com/.

We thank PUMA (the Peninsula United Methodist Association) for a grant to help with the cost, and we are also very grateful to many of our congregation who have contributed to support this trip. Jane Day will go with our youth and an adult advisor must accompany each group. Burlingame UMC and Millbrae UMC are also sending groups of youth.



JUNE

Shylah Danica Williams	June 3
Camille Taylor	June 3
Roger & Elaine Stern (A)	June 7
Anne & John Hinton (A)	June 8
Doris Bogart	June 15
Peggy Pagen-Quebec	June 16
Al Quebec	June 21

JULY

Karen Ross	July 5
Jim Yoder	July 8
Liam Dumanske	July 8
John Dumanske	July 9
Gordon & Betty Kibbe (A)	July 11
Cheryl McGovern	July 11
Warren Dale	July 14
Michael Taylor	July 19
John & Lisa Hicks-Dumanske (A)	July 21
Cleo Jackson	July 25
Margret & Glen Christoffersen (A)	July 25
Stefanie Sillin	July 26
Diana Reddy	July 28
Rebecca Reddy	July 29

If you do not see your name listed, it's because we don't have your birthday or anniversary information. Please let the church office know your information so that we may correct it.

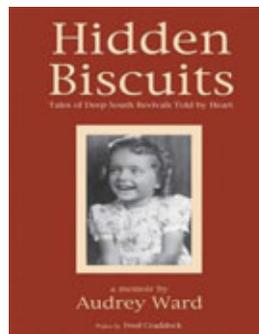


Senior Fellowship

Senior Fellowship is on vacation for the summer. Our next event will be in September.

Hidden Biscuits

Tales of Deep South Revivals Told by Heart



Every night of revival—1947 to 1956—the Evangelist and his family carried the mostly Appalachian people to whom they minister on up to a higher place. Worn down bodies in from the heat and dust of a sharecropper's cotton fields or unventilated rooms of the mill barely make it over to the local Pentecostal church, to the shelter of a raised up tent or bush arbor. But by the time they sing, shout, and pray in response to the Skondeen family's music and preaching, something shifts.

While the outside world screams tensions of communism and segregation through newspaper headlines for those who can read, and talk escalates anxiety, these folks go to Jesus. The Evangelist's birthplace, Russia, however, signals his alarm, sealing this as *family secret* even while they invite the confidence of people around them. And the young narrator, Audrey, takes segregation to a deep, personal level by her encounter with a girl her own age outside a women's bathroom marked *Whites Only*.

Across more than a decade of revival years, the family changes. For the child telling the stories who began with unblinking faith, questions gather—God is *all* powerful? Does Jesus see color? The blood does *what?*—as she listens and observes. By the time she reaches adolescence, her conduct ignites a bonfire of fear in her father.

Hidden Biscuits...tales of Deep South Revivals Told By Heart, provides a glimpse of Americana unknown to most people, which has all but disappeared into the standardized world of television and the internet. Pentecostal Holiness people of this era who are often too deprived to own their own acres; too loud for their churches to be inside city limits; too emotional to be considered intellectual, in these pages are not caricatured, but are experienced in the mysterious, ecstatic depths of those who hold on to their faith like a death bed promise.



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Hidden Biscuits

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